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**MEDIA RELEASE**

Fatal Traffic Crash on W. Rockport Rd in Janesville Township

**For Immediate Release**

Date: December 26, 2019  
Case: SO1964640

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On December 26, 2019 at 12:01 a.m. Rock County Sheriff's Deputies, City of Janesville Fire and Rescue, and MD-1 responded to a traffic crash near the 3400 block of West Rockport Rd in the Town of Janesville, Rock County, WI. Witnesses reported a 2008 Blue Chevrolet Cobalt, driven by a 19 year old Janesville man was traveling eastbound in the center of W. Rockport Rd. The vehicle abruptly swerved to the right in order to avoid collision with a legally operating westbound vehicle. The car impacted a tree resulting in the driver and passenger, a 20 year old Janesville man, being pinned inside the vehicle. Upon extrication, both parties were pronounced deceased by MD-1.

West Rockport Rd between the 3000 and 4000 blocks were shut down during the initial investigation, and traffic reopened at 3:00am. Rock County Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Team will be conducting further investigation. The driver and passenger name will be released by the Medical Examiner's Office pending notification to the family.

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